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In re application of:

Drewe *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/705,840

Filed: November 6, 2000

For: **Substituted 4H-Chromene and
Analogues as Activators of Caspases
and Inducers of Apoptosis and the
Use Thereof**

Confirmation No.: 8076

Art Unit: 1625

Examiner: Robinson, Binta M.

Atty. Docket: 1735.0410002/RWE/CJW

**Request to Withdraw from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a)
For Consideration of a Request for Continued Examination**

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Sir:

It is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) that the above-captioned application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of the accompanying request for continued examination in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

It is believed that no extensions of time are necessary, other than those that are otherwise provided for herewith. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the above-captioned application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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